THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) During 1984 and 1985 (upto 25-11-1985), 105 applications were received under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 for grant of Letters of Intent for setting up industries in Orissa. Of these, 39 proposals were approved and letters of intent were issued and 49 applications were rejected. Various techno-economic factors such as, demand and supply, capacity already licensed, export potential, availability of raw materials, locational constraints, viability of the scheme are taken into account while approving or rejecting an industrial licence application. Grounds of rejection vary from case to case and are duly communicated to the applicants as well as to the State Governments concerned.

Industrial units/companies taken over by Government

1437. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) which are the sick industrial companies/units taken over by Government during the last two years;

(b) what steps Government have taken so far to modernise them and get them going into production; and

(c) the details of industrial units still remaining sick and which Government propose to take over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No industrial unit has been taken over by Government under the provisions of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 during last 2 years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to the latest data available from the Reserve Bank of India, there were 93,282 (Provisional) sick industrial units as at the end of December 1984. Take over of any industrial undertaking under the provisions of I(D&R) Act is considered in the light of policy guidelines on sick industries issued by the Government in October, 1981. The salient features of these guidelines were furnished on reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 700 on 15-7-1982.

Expansion of telecommunications in rural areas

1438. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what allocations have been made for the expansion of telecommunications in rural areas during Seventh Plan period;

(b) in how many districts, digital networks are proposed to be set up; and

(c) what will be the outlay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) A provision of Rs. 220 crores out of the approved plan outlay of Rs. 4010 crores has been made for the expansion of telecommunications in Rural Areas during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) Integrated Digital Networks are proposed to be set up in 15 secondary areas in the country, each secondary switching area covering approximately a revenue district.

(c) Rs. 110 crores.

Retail outlets for petrol and diesel

1439. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out any studies to develop retail outlets for petrol and diesel in Andhra Pradesh in terms of its policy in this regard: and

(b) if so, the number of such retail outlets for Petrol and Diesel set up so far in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The required information is given in the Statement.

Statement

Name of the State/Union Territory	IOC	IOC (ADD)	HPC	BPC	IBP
Andhra Pradesh	366	..	323	291	83
Assam	89	143	24		5
Bihar	283	..	189	202	86
Delhi	80	..	65	61	25
Gujarat	346	..	199	210	85
Haryana	166	..	99	77	85
Karnataka	299	..	237	241	28
Kerala	194	..	224	186	19
Madhya Pradesh	315	..	203	211	33
Maharashtra	397	..	447	458	63
Orissa	110	..	77	86	2
Punjab	340	..	161	182	175
Rajasthan	291	..	209	180	22
Tamil Nadu	420	..	404	379	29
Uttar Pradesh	648	..	332	387	241
West Bengal	307	..	260	248	89
Chandigarh	6	..	7	4	..
Dadra/Nagar Haveli	1	..	1	..	..
Goa/Daman/Diu	9	..	24	30	1
Himachal Pradesh	27	..	11	18	2
Jammu & Kashmir	55	..	15	29	1
Pondicherry	11	..	7	4	1
Meghalaya	13	15	4	..	..
Manipur	5	8	..	..	..
Mizoram	3	4	..	..	..
Nagaland	7	10	..	..	..
Sikkim	5	..	..	2	..
Tripura	6	21	..	..	..
Andaman/Nicobar	1	..	..	..	..
Arunachal Pradesh	6	10	..	..	..